LEGISLATION.

THE REVENUE RECOVERY REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Sir, before we pass on to the next item of business, I wish to make a request to the President. Many of us are quite new to this highly controversial piece of Legislation. We were not supplied with the copies of the proceedings of discussions that had taken place in the House previous to this. We had not the benefit of having followed the discussion either. It would be very difficult for us to follow the discussion intelligently and to make any suggestion that may be required in regard to this important piece of Legislative work. Moreover, we feel a hesitation in undertaking this work when we ask Government to stop all these Revenue Recovery Procedure, with regard to officers who have already got that power. So that, as it stands at present, we start with a prejudice to invest power on officers who have not got this power. So, I request you, Sir, to give us some time.

There is no urgency, so far as we can see, for this Legislation, because, even officers who have these powers are being asked to suspend taking action, and Government are very kindly accepting our suggestions. So, I request you, Sir, to adjourn this to another Session of the Council.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The measure is a very small one and has been before the House in two Sessions and already, the matter has been pending for a very long time. It is the desire of the Government that it should be taken in this Session itself, if possible.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): The proceedings of the last meeting were not supplied to us, the new members.

PRESIDENT: The measure itself, as you could see from the papers put into your hands, consists of one clause of three lines. The discussion at the last Session of the Council was with regard to a few amendments, of which, I believe, three were taken up and discussed. A few amendments have been tabled for to-day which will be the only matter for consideration in connection with this Bill at this meeting of the Council. I shall ask the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil to make a statement about the few amendments that were taken up at the last Session and the result of the discussion on them and after that I believe, there would be very little difficulty in proceeding with the work to-day.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai, will you please tell us what were the points that were discussed the other day?

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): The programme for the day fixing that this Bill shall be taken up for consideration was

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received by us this morning at about eleven o'clock. It is a legislative enactment and I suppose you will agree with us in thinking that some thought has to be bestowed on the matter. We were under the impression that we had nearly fifteen days within which we could think over the matter, study the previous history of the Bill and then state whatever we had to say. We came here yesterday and this morning at 11 o' clock we are called upon to discuss amendments and then, also to discuss the general principles contained in the other Bills. My friend Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai requested that this business be adjourned to some other Session. Even if that is not granted, I suppose, we might be permitted to discuss the Bill on some other day in this Session itself but not to-day. Probably we may be able to learn something from the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil's statement, but that will not be all. We may be able to listen to what he says, but not to think and discuss the matter. For that, I suppose, we should be given some little time. Without prejudice to the work in the Council, I hope that could be done. The non-official members will be only thankful to the Government if that concession is allowed.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): The Additional Head Sirkar Vakil has replied that it is a very small piece of legislation. But it will be seen from the proceedings of the previous Sessions that the discussion runs over one hundred and fifty pages. In spite of the smallness of this piece of legislation I submit that it contains principles that ought to be considered rather very minutely and so even if the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil is going to give us a summary of what took place, certainly, I do not think he can do it usefully. Therefore, my submission is that this matter may be adjourned to some other day.

PRESIDENT: What do you say, Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai about the complaint of short notice?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It was included in the provisional list and that was sent to the members on the 9th July. The member was saying that he found it in the agenda only to-day.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): That does not mean that it should be taken up on the first day.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The second reading of the Bills is taken up first as usual before the Bills for introduction are taken up.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know from the member whether, it is usual to have any business after the Financial Secretary's speech ordinarily?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, we have had it before.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): You might have had. But is it usual; that is the point.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Only once, and that was at the first Session of the first Council.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): The programme might have been placed sufficiently early at that time. Now the matter is different. The present piece of legislation is a very important business. If it were some other thing we would not have requested the President for adjourning the business. We should not be taken by surprise. Hence we want time.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*); Sir, I would suggest that this Bill be taken up on the last day of the Session. In view of the complaint that proceedings of the earlier Session had not been circulated to the new members, I think their objection has got some meaning behind it. It is true that they would not be able to follow intelligently the discussion or avoid repeating arguments advanced on prior occasions. So this might be taken up on the last official day and copies of the proceedings relating to the Bill also may be supplied to them.

PRESIDENT: Have you got any other official day Mr. Pārameswaran Pillai?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Yes, one more official day.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): The penultimate day of this Session.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Saturday, the 8th August.

PRESIDENT: Have you got copies of the proceedings of the last Session?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Secretary to Government*): Excepting the last day, the other days' proceedings have been printed and published.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): It has not been furnished to us, the new members, nor is it available anywhere, so far as I could see.

PRESIDENT: As there seems to be a desire on the part of many of the new non-official members here to have this business adjourned, the further consideration of this Bill will be taken up on Saturdy the 8th August 1931. In the meantime, copies of the proceedings of the last Session relating to this Bill, will be placed in the hands of all members.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): There is another Bill for second reading, namely, the Travancore State-Aid to Industries Bill. There are no amendments to it. As such it is only a formal matter and I think I may move it.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Thinking that there would be no business after the Financial Statement we have not even looked into it. Moreover it is not usual to have any business after the speech of the Financial Secretary during the Budget Session.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir—

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PRESIDENT: Let one member finish his speech before another stands up.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Under the circumstances, further business has to be adjourned.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the whole Legislative business is to stand over or only one Bill?

PRESIDENT: What I said before refers only to the Revenue Recovery RegulationAmendment Bill. Regarding the other Bill the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil said that there are no amendments. If you have any objection to that being considered now, that also will be adjourned. Do you say, Mr. Thanu Pillai, that the other Bill also must be adjourned? Is that your point? Absolutely no amendments have been proposed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): It is not customary to have any Legislative business at all on the day on which the Budget is presented.

PRESIDENT: That does not seem to be correct. Are you putting it only on that ground?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Not on that ground. That is a ground which induces me to say that the members did not expect all this business to come up to-day.

PRESIDENT: That is why I said if it is the desire of the members to have the discussion of the other Bill also adjourned, I have no objection to that being done. But if you merely put it on that custom I must say I cannot allow that.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I do not say that. We did not expect that legislative business will come up to-day.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): If it is the desire of the House to send up amendments I have no objection to the business being adjourned. But as a matter of fact no amendments have come.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is it not likely that new members also would like to send up amendments? So far as I am concerned, I was a member of the last Council and I have not sent up any amendments, but that does not mean that new members also will have no amendments. I think it is better that the Legislative business is adjourned to the other official day.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that it is the desire of the members to adjourn the Legislative business?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Unless the President allows we cannot bring in amendments.

PRESIDENT: We shall have to see what the legal effect of the adjournment is.

The House will rise now to meet again on Wednesday next at 11-30 A. M.

The Council adjourned at 12-50 P. M.

P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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